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Mr. Kalmen I. Leikach is currently the Deputy Assistant Commander for Logistics and Industrial Operations for the Naval Air Systems Command, managing an operating budget of over \$3.0B and providing leadership to over 11,000 civilian, military and contractor personnel engaged in aviation supportability, sustainment, and maintenance. Servicing all Naval Aviation programs/systems throughout their life cycle, he significantly influences fleet mission readiness and affordability through planning, oversight, direction, coordination, and implementation of activities related to logistics integration and management, maintenance planning and execution, readiness analysis and data systems, and operations of three major aviation industrial depots.

Mr. Leikach began his professional career as an aerospace structural engineer at the Naval Air Development Center, Warminster, Pa. in 1971. Joining the Naval Air Systems Command in 1979, he subsequently was promoted to increasing positions of responsibility within the Structures Division, ultimately serving as the principal authority and technical expert for all matters related to airframe design, construction, static strength, fatigue life and damage tolerance. In 1996, Mr. Leikach assumed the joint positions of Structures Division Head and National Structures Engineering Competency Leader with responsibility for the structural integrity of all Navy fixed and rotary wing aircraft, air vehicles and airborne weapons and stores.

Selected for promotion to the Senior Executive Service in June 1999, Mr. Leikach served as the Air Vehicle Department Head, Research and Engineering Group, Naval Air Systems Command, until December 2004. Managing a national team of over 900 civilian engineers/personnel, he provided leadership and directed technical activities relevant to the airworthiness, design, development, qualification and in-service support of all Naval Aviation air vehicles. In this position, Mr. Leikach's engineering responsibilities included safe operation of air vehicles as related to the disciplinary areas of aeromechanics, flight controls, structures, materials and subsystems.

Mr. Leikach is a 1966 graduate of the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. In 1971, he earned a bachelor's degree, with high honors, in aerospace engineering from the University of

Maryland. His master's degree work at Villanova University, 1971-1977, concentrated on mathematics and statistics. He has received numerous acknowledgements and performance awards throughout his 39 year civil service career and has been the recipient of the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive Service.